

Kelly Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS)
August 13, 2002

Attendees:

Mr. Rick Rogus, CH2MHill
Mr. Mark Stoker, CH2MHill
Mr. Mark Hemingway, CH2MHill
Ms. Blanca Hernandez, San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department (SAMHD)
Ms. Kyle Cunningham, SAMHD
Ms. Deborah Martinez, SAMHD
Ms. Nicole Rodgers, SAMHD
Dr. David Smith, Smith & Associates
Mr. William Ryan, Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA)
Mr. Don Buelter, ABFCA
Ms. Vanessa Musgrave, AFBCA
Mr. Walter Peck, AFBCA
Mr. Mark Weegar, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC)
Ms. Reegan Errera, TNRCC
Mr. Robert Silvas, RAB Community Member
Mr. Paul Person, RAB Community Member
Mr. Hector Morales, Congressman Ciro Rodriguez Special Projects Director
Mr. Gary Martin, Greater Kelly Development Authority (GKDA)
Ms. Bernadette Pena, Community Member
Mr. Eddie Martinez, Booz Allen Hamilton (Booz Allen)
Mr. Hugh Farr, Booz Allen
Mr. Scott Courtney, Booz Allen

Meeting began at 6:39 PM.

Dr. Smith began the meeting by reviewing the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Paul Person asked how many other RAB community members were present at the meeting. After a moment, it became clear that he was the only RAB community member present. The lack of RAB members present meant that the RAB and TRS meeting minutes could not be approved or voted down. He asked that the minutes reflect that he, Mr. Paul Person, was in fact the only RAB member present and that as such, he would be the acting co-chair for the evening. Mr. Robert Silvas, RAB community member, joined the meeting later.

Technical Review of Zone 4 & 5 Corrective Measures Study (CMS) Mr. Mark Hemingway

Mr. Hemingway outlined the areas his presentation would cover. He said he would be happy to take them at any time during his discussion. He also asked if the audience understood the regulatory nature of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

(RCRA). After a pause, Mr. Person turned and asked the audience if anyone did not understand the RCRA process. No one responded, and the presentation continued.

Mr. Hemingway explained that Geomatrix's review consisted of an evaluation of objectives, processes, and conclusions of the Zone 4 and 5 CMS reports in terms of technical validity, regulatory appropriateness and community acceptance. He added that the Geomatrix review did not include confirmation of supporting data, validation of groundwater modeling or a detailed review of cost estimation spreadsheets. Mr. Hemingway discussed the Zone 4 off-base plumes and the CMS recommended remedies as pumping wells, permeable reactive barriers (PRBs) and phytoremediation.

Mr. Scott Courtney took exception to the inclusion of phytoremediation in the preferred alternatives portion of the CMS. Mr. Silvas asked why the decision was made not to plant poplar trees as part of the phytoremediation cleanup effort. Mr. Hemingway stated that planting poplar trees required more time to truly be effective and therefore would not have enhanced the cleanup process. Mr. Person added that the time necessary would have been too long to add any value to the cleanup process.

Mr. Hemingway addressed the Zone 5 CMS portion of his review concluding that the AFBCA's proposed plans would further reduce off-base contaminant migration and restore on and off-base groundwater to Texas standards in a realistic timeframe.

Mr. Hemingway also stated that the remedies proposed by the AFBCA were generally sound and appropriate. He added that the combination of innovative and conventional methods indicated that significant plume removal within five years was a reasonable timetable. Mr. Hemingway also stated that the most important work will be the design and monitoring of the remedies so that if in fact modifications need to be made, they can be.

TAPP Process presentation – Mr. Eddie Martinez

Mr. Martinez had intended to present the TRS with information on the TAPP process and the project selection process, but due to insufficient number of RAB community members actually present, the project selection process was not covered. He said the item would be added to the September 10, 2002 TRS meeting agenda.

Administrative

Dr. Smith noted that with only two RAB members present, voting on the acceptance or rejection of meeting minutes included in the TRS meeting packets could not take place. He suggested that items such as BCT updates, Spill Reports and other documents relevant to the TRS be moved onto the September TRS meeting agenda. Dr. Smith asked if the members of the audience would move to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Person moved to adjourn, and Mr. Silvas seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 7:20 PM.